

In the Claims

Claims 11-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 25-38 are cancelled.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

- 1 11. (Original) The process of virtual presence of the parties until no bidding has taken
2 place for a predetermined amount of time.
- 1 12. (Previously Presented) The process of virtual presence of the parties extending the
2 predetermined timed out end of bidding until the bidding stall time has elapsed.
- 1 13. (Original) The notification process of assuring virtual presence between parties
2 exchanging information across multiple platforms for instant messaging purposes.
- 1 14. (Previously Presented) A method of managing bidding in a computer facilitated
2 auction, the method comprising:
3 pre-determining a time for ending bidding in computer facilitated auction;
4 determining a stall time period;
5 receiving a bid; and
6 automatically extending the time for ending bidding, using the stall time period
7 and responsive to receiving the bid; and
8 ending the auction after no bids have been received for a length of time equal to at
9 least the stall time period.
- 1 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including receiving another
2 bid and again automatically extending the time for ending bidding.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein ending the computer
2 facilitated auction occurs when no bids have been received for a length of time
3 equal to at least the stall time period and the pre-determined time for ending
4 bidding in the auction has passed.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a bidder
2 of the extended time for ending bidding.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a bidder
2 of a new high bid.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a bidder
2 of a new high bid, the notification being sent through a plurality of different types
3 of communication channels.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a bidder
2 of the extended time for ending bidding, the notification being made through a
3 wireless network to a receiving device, the receiving device being configured for
4 the inquiring party to make another bid using the receiving device.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a bidder
2 of the extended time for ending bidding, the notification being made through a
3 wireless network to a receiving device, the receiving device being a mobile
4 telephone, an internet connected phone or a wireless personal digital assistant, and

5 the receiving device being configured for the bidder to place another bid using the
6 receiving device.

1 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including automatically
2 notifying a plurality of bidders of the extended time for ending bidding, the
3 notification being made through a computing network.

1 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further including notifying a plurality
2 of bidders of the extended time for ending bidding, the notification being made
3 using instant messaging.

1 24. (Previously Presented) A computing system configured for managing an auction, the
2 computing system comprising:
3 means for pre-determining a first time for ending bidding in the auction;
4 means for determining a stall time period;
5 means for receiving a bid at a bid time; and
6 means for notifying bidders of the received bid, the notification including a
7 second time for ending bidding in the auction, the second time for ending
8 bidding in the auction being at the bid time plus the stall time period or
9 later.

25-38. (Cancelled)